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Honorable Vernon Ehlers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1714 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support Letter – American Jobs Creation Act of 2003 (H.R. 2896)

Dear Representative Ehlers:

**Altacor urges you to support H.R. 2896**, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2003, passed by the Ways and Means Committee last month.

Altacor is a U.S.-based manufacturing and direct-selling company, with over 4,500 U.S. employees and hundreds of thousands of independent business owners involved in the sale of our products nationwide. Altacor and its subsidiaries — Amway Corporation, Quixtar and Access Business Group— had \$4.9 billion in worldwide sales last year and currently offer products in more than 80 countries and territories.

While we (like other major U.S. exporters) believe the WTO decision regarding FSC/ETI was regrettable, we are very supportive of the Committee's and Congress's efforts to honor the U.S.'s WTO commitments. The rules-based trading system is critically important to economic growth. In addition, action by Congress is necessary to forestall the imposition of \$4 billion in sanctions against U.S. exports by the European Union.

Altacor also strongly believes that H.R. 2896 takes the proper approach to replacing our FSC/ETI regime. At a time of real economic concern for U.S.-based manufacturing, the tax incentives for U.S. manufacturing/production will mitigate any further job loss that likely would otherwise result in this sector from repeal of the FSC-ETI regime. In addition, the international reforms in the bill are long overdue. They will help to eliminate unique burdens that U.S. companies are facing in a competitive global marketplace.

We look forward to working with you and the other Members of Congress to help pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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